<u>IN THE CLAIMS:</u>

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier listings and all earlier versions.

1.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> of access to a digital document in a communication network, said method being implemented in a device, <u>and</u> method comprising the following steps:

selecting a first data item in a digital document, ~~said~~ <u>the</u> digital document comprising at least first and second data items;

verifying the presence of at least one address of a location containing ~~said~~ <u>the</u> second data item of the digital document in storage means of the device;

in the absence of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in the storage means of the device, seeking ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in the network;

in the event of a positive search, storing ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in the storage means of the device; and

subsequently accessing ~~said~~ <u>the</u> second data item of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and available locally.

2.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document is local.

3.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document is distant.

4.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the search for the address of the second data item is carried out prior to any new request for access to a digital document.

5.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second data item ~~being~~ <u>are</u> of the same resolution.

6.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the digital document is a collection comprising a list of objects.

7.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second data items ~~being~~ <u>are</u> of different resolutions.

8.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the resolution of the first data item is less than that of the second data item.

9.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the digital document comprises more than two different resolutions.

10.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising the following steps:

determining the current resolution of the digital document available at the device;

verifying the presence of at least one address of a location containing a higher resolution of the digital document in the storage means of the client device;

in the absence of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in ~~said~~ <u>the</u> storage means, seeking ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in the network;

in the case of a positive search, storing ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in the storage means of the device; and

subsequently accessing ~~said~~ <u>the</u> higher resolution of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and available locally.

11.   (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ <u>A method</u> according to Claim 1, wherein the digital document belongs to the group ~~formed by~~ <u>consisting of</u> fixed images or photographs, video sequences, <u>and</u> computer files of office application ~~or the like~~.

12.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ <u>A device</u> for access to a digital document in a communication network, <u>said</u> device ~~comprises~~ <u>comprising</u>:

means for selecting a first data item of a digital document<u>, the</u> ~~said~~ digital document comprising at least first and second data items;

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processing means able to verify the presence of at least one address of a location containing a second data item of the digital document in storage means of the device;

search means able, in the absence of ~~said~~ the address in ~~said~~ the storage means, to seek ~~said~~ the address in the network[[;]], the storage means being able to store ~~said~~ the address in the event of a positive search; and

means for subsequently accessing ~~said~~ the second data item of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and available locally.

13.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ A device according to Claim 12, wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document is local.

14.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ A device according to Claim 12, wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document is distant.

15.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ A device according to Claim 12, wherein the first and second data items ~~being~~ are of the same resolution.

16.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ A device according to Claim 12, wherein the digital document is a collection comprising a list of objects.

17.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ <u>A device</u> according to Claim 12, wherein the first and second data items ~~being~~ <u>are</u> of different resolutions.

18.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ <u>A device</u> according to Claim 12, wherein the resolution of the first data item is less than that of the second data item.

19.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ <u>A device</u> according to Claim 12, wherein the digital document comprises more than two different resolutions.

20.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ <u>A device</u> according to Claim 12, wherein the processing means are also able to determine the current resolution of the digital document available at the device; and <u>to</u> check the presence of at least one address of a location containing a higher resolution of the digital document in the storage means of the device, the search means are also able, in the absence of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in ~~said~~ <u>the</u> storage means, to seek ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address in the network, the storage means are able to store ~~said~~ <u>the</u> address, and the access means are able to subsequently access at least ~~said~~ <u>the</u> higher resolution of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and thus available locally.

21.   (Currently Amended) ~~Device~~ <u>A device</u> according to Claim 12, wherein the digital document belongs to the group ~~formed by~~ <u>consisting of</u> fixed images or photographs, video sequences, <u>and</u> computer files of office application ~~or the like~~.

22.   (Currently Amended) ~~System~~ A system for access to a digital document, in a communication network, ~~comprises~~ comprising a device according to Claim 12.

23.   (Currently Amended) ~~Information~~ An information medium which can be read by a computer system, possibly totally or partially removable, in particular a CD-ROM or magnetic medium, such as a hard disk or a diskette, or a transmittable support, such as an electrical or optical signal, ~~characterized in~~ that [[it]] contains instructions of a computer program for implementing a processing method according to Claim 1, when this program is loaded in and executed by a computer system.

24.   (Currently Amended) ~~Computer~~ A computer program stored on an information medium, said program containing instructions for implementing a processing method according to Claim 1, when this program is loaded in and executed by a computer system.